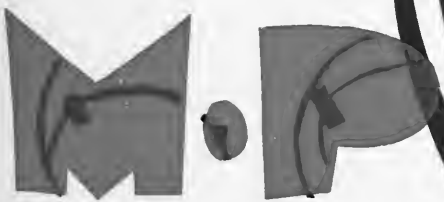


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About the Cover

This month's cover was designed by Fletcher who started out to make a gaggle of geese heading south. He liked the color green so well he decided to change them to a flock of ducks. The result, as you see, is that they now look like a covey of pheasants.

The Editor's Desk



by Joel Snow

In a recent article in the Montana Standard a prominent candidate for state office asked whether or not unfortunate youths should not be given the same opportunities as those given convicted felons. The article stated that the prison has been using forest camps for the past several years to rehabilitate state prison inmates. "Rehabilitation programs of this kind are very worthwhile and should be continued, but preventative efforts are even more effective and of greater benefit to our youth and society," read the article.

It is good to know that both parties are agreed on the usefulness of the forestry program started here in 1963. What is unfortunate is that this program was discontinued after its first successful year. A program that brought improved park service to the taxpayers and citizens, that was considered a major rehabilitation program by the prison administration and that was enjoyable work for the inmates has been discontinued because one citizen delved deeply into Montana's ancient statutes and found that prisoners cannot legally work off of prison property. Is it the welfare of the majority that should be of prime concern to the state or the interest of the radical minority?

Prison forest camps are old hat to every modern prison complex in the timbered states, and even in some without large forests. The program originated here in 1963 was not even similar to those already in existence in the other western states.

Let us take Oregon, Washington and California as examples with permanent forest camps. The building of public park tables and restrooms is a very small part of their job, but in Montana it was the primary work of the "park Crew", as they were known here at the prison.

In these other western states the men do all sorts of regular forestry work. From felling and hauling logs to fighting forest fires, from cleaning the camping areas to searching for lost children and campers. Many people seem to be of the opinion, that prisoners are putting men in need of jobs on welfare rolls, but this is not true. The work the prison park crew was doing had not been done by state employees because they were too busy doing more important work and because there were not enough funds to hire the needed number of men to perform the job. Nor would the money be forthcoming from the legislature. Fund of this nature have long been earmarked for larger and more important state forestry projects.

The park crews were halted last year when a citizen notified the administration and the Attorney General that there was a law dating back to the 1870's that stated no prisoner was allowed to work off of the prison property. That this law has been violated many many times goes without saying. From 1907 to 1919 prisoners worked on the highways throughout the state. For many years and under several administrations the prisoners were rented out to local ranchers. What is noteworthy is that the present administration deemed it advisable to comply with the law and to try and have legislation enacted to repeal this ancient statute. Until a prisoner can work legally in the parks there will be no more park crews. A loss for the people on both sides of the wall.

It is always too bad to see a man come back on a new sentence or as a parole violator. Don Fletcher was no exception. But it is certainly good to have someone with all his talent back on the paper and I am sure that the readers will be glad to see some of his art work and cartoons again.

This month's M.P. News is again a double issue. All subscriptions will be extended one month. This publication is supported through your subscriptions and the Inmate Welfare Fund. No state funds of any kind are appropriated for it's use.

Are These Dollars Wasted?

\$804,300.00

by Don Dixon

A brief statistical comparison between Montana and North Dakota's prison costs to the tax payer would seem to indicate that the heading for this article is true.

Let us first compare the population of the two states; Montana with 670,767 person is the larger by 42,321. And now the prison populations; 691 for Montana and 288 for North Dakota. These figures are, or course, constantly changing ones but as near as I have been able to figure out North Dakota has never been over 300 in population while M.S.P. was recently well over 700. (Ed's. Note: Population here is now at the all time high of 742.)

Taking these figures, as the most accurate available to me, I found that North Dakota had 1 inmate for every 2193 persons in it's population while Montana has one inmate for every 977 of its population.

If Montana had one prisoner for every 2,193 of it's population as North Dakota does; and allowing the figure of \$2100 per man, per year to stand undisputed it would seem Montana tax payers are coughing up \$804,300.00 every year in excess of North Dakota.

Why? The subject certainly bears looking into don't you think?

While researching this information I was informed that my figures did not include the North Dakota prison farm, and that is true. But at the same time these men are not felony offenders. Also, it was suggested that North Dakota doesn't sufficiently punish her offenders, but the recently released Federal Crime Report revealed that North Dakota had a crime rate that was among the lowest in the nation.

I don't know the answer but the facts appear rather startling. Are Montanans more criminally prone than its neighboring state? Or do our laws need revising? Whatever the answer it would certainly be a boon to the taxpayer to learn it and put it to use.

Letters to the Editor



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September 17, 1964

Mr. Ed Ellsworth, Jr., Warden
Montana State Prison
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

I want to take this brief opportunity to express my appreciation in being on the mailing list of the "M.P. News."

The August, 1964 issue, which I have just finished reading, is a particularly fine publication, and I found the articles in it most rewarding and stimulating.

Will you please extend both my appreciation and congratulations to all those men connected with the writing and publishing of this magazine. It is indeed, a job well done!

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Maurice A. Harmon".

Maurice A. Harmon, Director
Dept. of Public Institutions

MAH/at

Most men in prison are not professional criminals. Prisoners are the men who have failed at everything, including crime.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Snow,

I have been meaning to write to you for some time but have hesitated because I feel just as I did when I wrote to "True."

I find the "M. P. News" very interesting. It contains enjoyable, informative and sometimes amusing articles. Joe Lucas, yourself and many other contributors are to be commended on your writing abilities.

I have only one objection and that is your dropping "Deer Lodge" from the return address on the M.P. News." In the world of human relations, there is no substitute for the personal touch. Over the past few years, there has been a concerted effort to relegate everything, everywhere and everybody to a number.

Zip code is fine, but why drop the name of your town? Imagine, if you can, two people meeting for the first time: "How do you do: I'M from '63992'. Where do you live?"

"I live in '45733'. '63992 is a lovely city, But I think we have a better climate in '45733'."

"Quite possible. I'm moving to '59912' when I retire. It's so restful there. By the way, I don't believe I caught your name--"

"The name's 516-40-1148 (Soc. Sec.)"

Oh well, keep up the good work, M. P. News staff.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. C. Miller, Jr.
'59230'

Ed's. Note: Thank you Mrs. Miller. Your point has been well taken as you can see on this month's cover. For some time we have been planning a letter's to the Editor page and we were quite pleased to begin it with yours and Mr. Harmons'.

Lecture

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Series



by James V. Bennett Dir.
U. S. Bureau of Prisons

EDITOR'S NOTE: James V. Bennett, Director, United States Bureau of Prison, presented the "STERLING LECTURE SERIES" at Yale University Law School on February 15, 16, 1960. The New Era editorial board feels that the "STERLING LECTURES" treated so thoroughly with the essential problems of sentencing and punishing criminals that we have undertaken this review as a means of awakening and enlightening a somewhat indifferent and misinformed public as to the extent and severity of crime in general and the more particular problems confronting those men whose duty it is to manage our prisons in the most effective manner."

INTRODUCTION

To give his audience some idea of one of the most essential problems confronting prison administrators today Mr. Bennett quite frankly stated that:

"Less than a dozen....of the 250 Judges on the Federal Bench (about $1/3$ of whose time . . . is spent on handling criminal cases) have ever visited a Federal prison." "I say this more in sadness than in criticism," Mr. Bennett continued as he presented his listeners with the questions being asked by those most concerned with social stability and progress:

"How, people ask, can we achieve a more effective, a more humane and a less costly and burdensome method of maintaining an orderly society than the existing system with its many weaknesses?"

Quite naturally this is what the conscientious taxpayer has a right to demand for his investment. But too often those who are most pressing in their demands overlook a fact which Mr. Bennett stated in unequivocal terms:

". . . if we desire to keep our system of freedom of contract and property a certain amount of thievery and fraud is the price we must pay. Moreover, if we hope to preserve the 'nice quilllets of the law' we must expect that here and there a fraudster, a gangster, a racketeer, or even a murderer will go unwhipped by justice."

This blunt manner of facing realities which often contradict our concepts of right and wrong, fair and foul, is the outstanding virtue of the Sterling Lectures. No attempt was made by Mr. Bennett to conceal either the severe extensiveness of crime or the obvious discrepancies in our methods of sentencing, punishing, and attempts at rehabilitation. To an audience of young lawyers who will some day be the most important instruments in the various fields of criminology, Mr. Bennett proceeded to paint them a realistic picture of what to expect in their profession.

PRISON PARADOXES

Coupled with these overcrowded and antiquated facilities, Mr. Bennett pointed out an even greater problem which was served to add further confusion to the task of prison administrators:

"Of course I realize that my first function is to carry out faithfully the sentences of the court."

But in addition to this function a prison administrator has other functions which are morally essential. Mr. Bennett informed his audience as to the nature of these 'other functions' when he asked:

"Are men sent to prison for punishment, to be made miserable and thus somehow to pay some sort of debt to society? Can we as a civilized nation admit that the prime purpose of our system of criminal law is to exact retribution or to inflict pain and suffering. . . Are we sending the social misfits that crowd our criminal courts to prison to push them out of sight because no one knows what else to do with them? . . . Do we send a man to prison that shares the credit when the crime rate is low, or are other and more fundamental social and cultural forces responsible? . . . Are prisons . . . merely places where men can be kept out of circulation at minimum cost for a while and nothing more, or are they really places to build character, self-respect, and a healthy regard for the rights and property of others?"

To accomplish these ends prisons need:

". . . funds for personnel to undertake a program of vocation training, of education, of psychotherapy or community service for the discharged prisoner."

Mr. Bennett stressed the difficulty of securing these funds when statistics show:

". . . that at least two-thirds of the men who enter our adult penitentiaries have previously been in some sort of institution or on probation."

Yet the astounding fact is:

". . . not that so many fail but that so many make good, handicapped as they are and shunned, feared, and discriminated against whenever they seek a job."

CHARACTERISTICS OF PRISON POPULATION

In view of these general problems Mr. Bennett ventured into more particular problems which were the outgrowth of the inharmonious human elements in the average prisons population:

"Some are vicious, unregenerate enemies of society. . . a much larger number are handicapped physically and mentally. Some are sexual deviates. . . social misfits,

and some there are who look upon work as the white man's burden. Some are the disadvantaged of our teeming cities and our distress areas of the mountains, blighted railroad or mining towns, or the victims of alcohol, drugs and barbituates."

U. S. PRISONS OVERCROWDED AND OBSOLETE

In general terms Mr. Bennett gave a quick appraisal of conditions in our prisons today:

"Today there are about 210,000 men and women in the 230 state and Federal prisons, reformatories, farms and camps. Not included are an estimated 300,000 more in the nearly 3,000 local and county jails and workhouses. This figure like most other things of our day from the "atom" to "Zsa-Zsa" is the biggest ever. For the country as a whole there are 120 convicted prisoners per hundred thousand of population. One of the surprising and difficult aspects of this picture to explain is the wide variation in state committment rates. New Hampshire for instance has confined only 25 persons per hundred thousand of population and the District of Columbia has nearly ten times that many, or 257 per hundred thousand. What accounts for Connecticut having only 68 per hundred thousand and Florida 147? No one has ever been able to explain to me why Georgia should incarcerate 182 per hundred thousand and its neighbor, South Carolina, only half as many. Massachusetts actually puts people in jail for adultery yet it has only 40 persons in prison per hundred thousand while California, which puts no one in jail for adultery, has 137. . ."

"The institutions in which these men are housed are old, inadequate and overcrowded. . . As well ask a modern surgeon to perform a heart operation or remove a brain tumor with the patient on the kitchen table as to expect a warden to reform a hostile, unskilled school-drop-out confined in a century-old bastille."

Ed's. Note: This, the second portion of our series by Mr. James V. Bennett, is taken from the New Era. The preceeding installments were from the Harbinger.



by Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Librarian
Montana Extension Commission

Those of us who are truly addicted to reading gravitate naturally to a profession where our work becomes our hobby and this is a highly satisfying arrangement. The greatest pleasure a librarian has is talking about books and I was delighted to be asked to write on this subject for the M. P. News.

Books can change our lives and the lives of people around us. They have changed the world, and Robert Downs in his fascinating essays called, "Books that changed the world," has given us sixteen titles where theories in science and in the social sciences have had a profound impact on history, economics, civilization and scientific thought from, roughly, the Renaissance down to the mid-twentieth century.

The effect on any one of us personally when we find the right book at the right time, the book that fills a real need, is equally profound. These are the books that we remember: the books that have moved and inspired us, the books in which the author speaks directly to us. The communication that is established is the deciding factor in our response to the book. We are often provided with lists by the literary critics of the twenty,

one hundred or two hundred Best Books, but I think this is nonsense. A book is the Best if it is the Best for you. But the great books, the books that have lived through the ages and that will continue to live have this in common: they ring true; they are sincere; they have wisdom, creativity, thought, imagination and vitality.

When we are very young, we read for the rich joy of a shared experience and purely for pleasure. During our years of formal education, much of our reading is directed toward a purpose, toward seeking information and there is less time for the pleasurable type of reading. We read all of our lives to stretch our minds, to know new people, places and events, and to grow mentally, spiritually and morally. We read so that we can know; so that we can interpret the present in the light of the past. How often have we had that shock of recognition when we discover that our situation, our big problem has been experienced before and we discover in the pages of a book that the problem has been met and resolved with dispatch.

I have been asked many times to name my favorite book. this is always an impossibility for there are far too many that are Best Books for me. I can always name my favorite author. I "discovered" Mark Twain at a tender age when spending a summer at a ranch. A full set of the works of this fascinating man were at hand and I had a riotous summer with the most delightful person it has ever been my good fortune to know. Regularly I reread him and always with a fresh sense of discovery. I find his humor irresistible and his pathos unbearably moving. No biographer has yet done him justice, in my opinion. A great book remains to be written that gives us a picture of all facets of this man of giant intellect and stature.

It is from reading that we learn early to have sympathy, understanding, good judgement and tolerance, and this we need to live peacefully, with ourselves and with our fellow man. Maturity has been defined as the ability to substitute long range goals for immediate satisfactions and to be able to care about someone other than ourselves. In the wonderful world of books and through the shared experiences of mankind, we can find our way to maturity, to peace of mind and to the full enjoyment of living.

The Joy of Reading

Will

Pass

Time

by Jack Truxall



"I've read Mrs. Longworth's article. What more can be said, for I agree with her almost entirely. But the difference between the readers in the free-world and those within the prison are made up of their two different personalities. Therefore, I highly believe, that reading for pleasure becomes much more valuable inside the prison"

"An inmate who has a book in his possession that he really enjoys and can get wrapped up in, will not get tensed up as much and will not be constantly thinking of the free-world. For many, reading becomes an escape from the grim realities of prison."

"Those minutes that every inmate seems to think so long while waiting for meals, recreation, or work call are quickly passed while absorbed in a book."

"In the library we now have 5,000 books ranging from fiction of every description, to autobiographies, Travel and Geography, Sociology and Science."

"Seventy-five percent of the books checked out, however, are westerns. This is understandable knowing Montana is the Big Sky Country and one of the last frontiers. It contains a certain amount of glamour to be able to associate oneself with the old west."

"With only 125 westerns on hand it's difficult to supply this great demand. There are usually that many requested in one day from the cellhouse."

"To those in the free-world who read this, and may have some westerns that they are thinking of throwing out or giving away, they would certainly be appreciated if donated to this library."

A few of the questions asked Jack were how many books do you put out a day? and have you run into any oddities during your 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years as librarian?

"Inside the walls I put out; between the hospital, isolation, dormitory and the cellhouse, over two hundred books a day. For a population of 400 plus that's a lot of reading. Every three months 300 books to to Ranch #2, 500 to Rothe Hall and 150 to the Women's Quarters"

"As to the oddities; by watching television I can very often predict that the following day I am going to be over run by requests for something mentioned by Bennett Cerf, Ed Sullivan or Danny Kaye. Very often we don't have these books because they were published recently and all our books are donated from private sources. Recent books, of course, are not often included in donations."

"At one time or another I believe every man in here has requested at least one book. There are men who read as much as two books a day, also."

"You asked me what the one most popular book in the library was. I must again place the stress on westerns. As to a single title, I wouldn't care to venture a guess, just any western is very popular. If you had asked me my favorite, as I have so often been asked, it would be Margaret Mitchell's, GONE WITH THE WIND."

"I feel that in this book she has used tremendous writing ability and research. The reader's complete existence becomes involved in the story."

"The library has just been completely repainted. The books have all been renumbered using our abbreviated form of the Dewey Decimal System."

"I would like to say before ending this interview, that my co-worker, Lyle Peters, has done a tremendous job in re-cataloguing and sectionalizing the books. I could not have done anywhere near as much, in the short period of time since we began bringing the library up to date, if it wasn't for his hard work and understanding of books."

Rothe Hall Sports

by Frank Dryman

DRUNKEN SAILOR GAME IS STAGGERING SUCCESS AT ROTHE HALL.

The Drunken Sailor Game as played here on Labor Day was like the proverbial barrell of monkeys.

There were ten men on each team and after the first circle they were all drunk as owls in daylight. The 2nd circle sent them running sideways and falling on their faces; with the biggest men staggering the most (and falling down). John Tucker, Legs Hayes, and Clancy Forward caused the most laughs and it was fun and laughter for all.

The Tug of War was won by Clancy's team over Leg's lighter one, with Hayes retiring before the starting whistle.

Other Games on Labor Day and their Winners were:

PING PONG, singles 1st Val Roth 2nd John Tucker

PING PONG, doubles 1st Dyer & Whirlybird 2nd Roth and
Tucker

HORSESHOES, singles 1st Puckett 2nd Veach 3rd Stewart

HORSESHOES, doubles 1st Human & Shields 2nd Puckett &
Dunham

DOMINOES 1st Dave Neal 2nd Kersey 3rd
Whirleybird

BASKETBALL FREE THROW 1st McGovern 2nd Shields 3rd
Aimsback

FOOTBALL THROW 1st Dyer 2nd Forward 3rd Frodsham

EGG TOSS 1st Dyer & Tucker 2nd Frodsham &
Aimsback

WHEELBARROW RACE 1st Dyer & Forward 2nd Kriettel &
Morin 3rd Marcus & Springer

MOUNT POWELL GAVEL CLUB



The Toastmasters of the Mount Powell Gavel Club have successfully completed another quarter of the club year. In that year they have accomplished a great deal in the way of public speaking.

Elections for the new quarter were held on July 22nd and the officers were installed by Mr. Eschenbacher on August 5th.

Officers elected for the coming quarter were:

President	Joseph Warf
Ed. V.P.	Jerry McGivern
Admin. V.P.	Harold Pound
Secretary	Richard Fandrich
Parliamentarian	A. Adcock
Sgt. at Arms	Robert Syphert

As officers we know that the job ahead will be a tough one. We would like to take this opportunity to ask the cooperation of the membership. With their backing we hope to make this a very successful quarter and to do a good job

PARTING SHOP

"It is unreasonable to treat a man as an animal or an automaton while he is serving his sentence and then, at the end of it, appeal to him, as a human being, to win his rightful place in society.".

Sir Winston Churchill

Guest Editorial

PRE-RELEASE ASSISTANCE TO DISCHARGEES

**BY A.E. SLAYTON, JR., REHAB. SPVR.
VIRGINIA STATE PENITENTIARY**

VIA The Correctional Industries Assoc. Newsletter

Each year the gates of our institutions swing open for thousands of penal dischargees who enter a rather hostile world, without the benefit of parole or other assistance. Many of these people are unemployed, some are nearly destitute and others have no home. The problem faced by correctional personnel here is not only to prepare the dischargees for release but, in some cases, to provide for assistance after he leaves prison.

In 1959, Virginia, recognizing this need, established in its penitentiary, an office whose responsibility it is to administer a program of pre-release assistance to inmates who are soon to be discharged. This program consists of guidance and counseling and assistance in such matters as getting Social Security Cards, arranging transportation schedules and making contacts with organizations and agencies which can provide clothing, temporary shelter, vocational training, medical attention, etc. Recognizing further that long term men need a period of adjustment to the "outside" a program of trusty assignments has been developed on a regular basis and, when discretion allows, certain inmates are taken on a brief trip into the city where they are permitted to make purchases, buy a meal in a restaurant, etc.

This program is not designed to effect overnight rehabilitation, but it does render considerable assistance to the dischargee and helps him to bridge the gap between prison and the "free world."

Thank You

Mr. Vern Pomeroy and Officer John McGillis would like to thank all the men who contributed blood for two year old Gregory Pomeroy. This, young Greg's second major heart operation in a year, was a successful one and he is doing exceptionally well.

NO PROGRESS - Via Inside World

Attorney Chester Ray of Allegan, Michigan, making a dedicatory address for the County's new \$485,000 jail:

"We are here to celebrate progress...but it's hard for me to see how building a better jail represents progress. We can never consider a jail a success until we can point to it and say 'it's empty and no longer needed'.

DENMARK

via THE EAGLE

Denmark's penal system is much like Sweden's. It is interesting to note that professional and habitual criminals, who are considered mentally normal, may receive up to twenty years imprisonment for various offenses; however, parole MUST be considered after four years, and should there be a denial, then there is a biennial review which is mandatory. The most important phase of the Danish Penal System is that it returns the offender to society with little connotation that he is an "Ex-con", for they believe that the loss of any degree of liberty is punishment enough. In other words, society's debt has been paid, so let the man live in peace.

The B & B ?



Rev. Rex: "In times of trial what brings us the most comfort?"
 Schauer: "An Acquital!"

A small boy, leading a donkey, passed by an army camp. Some soldiers, wanting to have some fun with him, asked: "Why are you holding your brother so

tight, sonny?"

The youngster, without blinking an eye, replied: "So he won't join the Army."

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A man and wife passed away within a few days of each other, but went to their seperate destinies. A few weeks passed and she called to see how he was getting along.

"I'm doing fine," he replied, "all we have to do down here is shovel some coal on the fire. We don't work more than two hours a day. How about you?"

"We get up at four in the morning," she said, "to gather the stars, then haul in the moon and hang out the sun. Then we have to roll the clouds around all day."

"How come you have to work so hard?" he asked.

"Well," she said, "we're sort of short handed up here."

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A new course is being offered at the school this fall. Most of the inmate population should be interested for it's title is, "How to read the handwriting on the wall."



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A member of the parole board was interviewing a man who had recently been denied by the board. The parole officer glowered at the man and said, "We don't want you going over our head in this matter anymore, either."

"But, sir" the confused convict said, "I've never gone over anyone's head."

"Oh yeah! Well isn't it true you've been praying for reconsideration?"

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A nearby Jaycee chapter invited one of the candidates for public office to address their meeting. They awaited the controversial figure's arrival at the airport and when he didn't arrive they returned back to their meeting place only to learn he had come by train.

After he completed a rambling, incoherent address he was approached by the club's welcoming committee.

"Well sir," said the chairman, "we're certainly sorry we weren't on hand to escort you into our fair city, but we're going to take great pleasure in escorting you out of it."

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A young cowboy was recently incarcerated and was assigned to the yard crew. While strolling around doing his job he encountered an officer and drawled, "Mornin'"

"Morning?" the officer screamed. "Don't you know your supposed to address me as Sir ?" He then launched into a full account of the inmate rule book and the prison regulations.

"Jumpin' Jehosophat!" the fish drawled, "if I'd a known you was gonna carry on like that I wouldn't a spoke at all."

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Father Beatty recently announced that there are 726 different kinds of sin.

For the past two weeks he has been busy answering all the kites from those requesting the complete list.

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Many jokes are too good to be new!

Why Not Trades?



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Recent news releases from the government indicate our colleges are not turning out a sufficient number of engineers, scientists, physicists and other related technical personnel to keep our nation in the forefront of the space race and other highly technical fields. This may be true and there is no doubt that this is an important field of endeavor and that this type of training is essential to our national welfare.

But what about our high schools and grade schools? Why in this age of advanced thinking are there so many drop-outs, why are there so many high school graduates unable to go to the already overcrowded colleges because they are unable to pass the increasingly difficult entrance requirements?

Education is more than a mere acquisition of facts or an ability to retain for a period of time certain dates, numbers or formulas. There is another goal that is equally important. This goal is to develop an ability to live and function within the framework of our social laws in a manner that is both acceptable to others and rewarding to ourselves. Do our grade schools and high schools achieve these goals in the best possible way? Or are we graduating too many students that are prepared for neither the hard facts of every day living nor the difficult years of college? Or, worse yet, are we losing a high percentage of students before they have completed high school?

These problems are of immediate concern to the nation's educators and are being considered daily. There are no complete answers to the problems that can reverse this situation in a short time. Unfortunately many of the drop-outs and the unschooled wind up in institutions such as this and it is here that much can be done to return many of these people to society better qualified than when society sent them here.

It is possible for an inmate to get both grade and high school diplomas or an equivalent while here in prison. This is a wonderful thing and will open many doors on the outside that were closed to the inmate without a diploma. With a high school education a prerequisite for employment with many firms, and an aptitude test being employed in many companies as a guide for hiring, more and more academic abilities are necessary to the released inmate to find a place for himself on the outside.

Here is where a combination of academic and vocational education could be used to great advantage. There are many areas of vocational study that could be taught here at the institution with a minimum of expense and that could qualify an inmate for a specific job on the outside. Aimed strictly at an art or a craft and developed to the extent that the person would be fully qualified in this field and able to make a living at it would cut the percent of recidivism among the younger inmates, I am sure. Hunger and want seldom go hand in hand with good morals. Work of a nature that satisfies the physical needs and at the same time satisfies the inner need of recognition and accomplishment should also be a goal that our educational system must strive for.

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MODERN INSTRUCTION Via The Lens

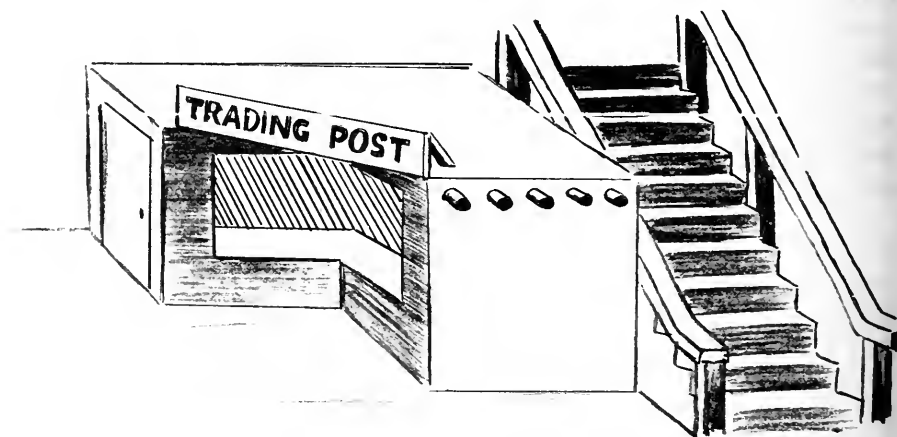
At Pendelton Reformatory, 5 inmates completed a piano-tuning course, taught by an outside instructor, and now qualify as apprentice piano-tuning technicians.

Another group at this same institution are being trained to operate IBM machines.



The long awaited Inside Canteen will enter the construction phase the latter part of this month. Mr. Maron will operate the canteen inside the walls on Mon., Wed. and Fri. during yard period. A canteen will be opened at Rothe Hall and it will be open on Tues. and Thurs.

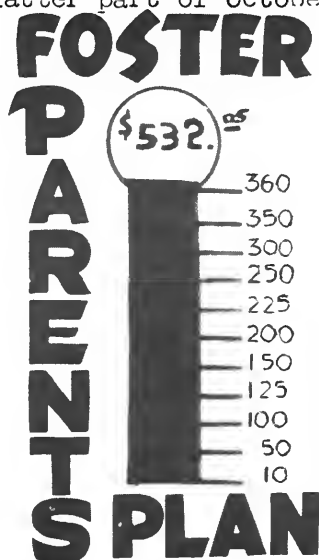
The Canteen inside the walls will be built where the ladder storage is now. See diagram below.



A basketball court is to be constructed where the old wing stood. Lines have been shot for leveling and work will begin as soon as possible. Tentative plans are to roof this area and perhaps make a gymnasium out of it. This will be a welcome relief for men long confined during the winter months.

After many months of correspondence Joe Eder finally aroused enough interest in the formation of a Half-way House that the Methodist Church has founded two committees to study the best area for its location and the many other phases that must be looked into before its opening. Congratulations Joe!

For the second year in a row over \$530.00 was collected for M.S.P.'s Foster Children. See Graph below. The fund now totals over \$630.00. \$180.00 was sent to Foster Parent's Plan, Inc. This takes care of Stephen and Teresita until May 1965. Xmas gifts will be sent to them the latter part of October.



*Help Support
Our Foster
CHILDREN*

Contributions Will Be Solicited
The Nights of Sept. 29 & 30

DONATIONS WILL BE TAKEN
FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT

*Who Will Beat the 50
Donations by 4 Nov. 1965?*

Old Social Service's office will become receiving and dress out center.

Individual issue will be started again. Each inmate will be given 3 sets of clothes. Number will be on inside of trousers and on tail of shirt.

Several meetings have been held about the Dairy. It is still being discussed but chances are good construction will begin next year.

Shades and material for windows on west side of mess-hall have been ordered, approved and received. Construction and Maintenance crews have been too busy to install them because of higher priority jobs.

Warden Ellsworth recently said a school will be started at Rothe Hall. Inmates will receive 13 days a month good time.

The Shadow

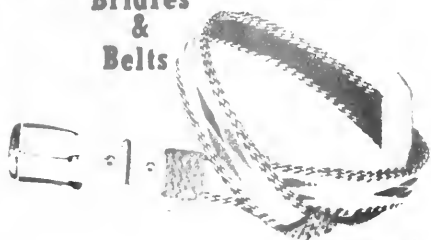


knows the evil that lurks in the hearts and minds of men. He also knows their follies and foibles.

Recently he discovered Emanuel Big Head writing letter to the warden insisting three letters a week isn't enough and asking for permission to send smoke signals...Dan Morsette catching up on his rest...Who is George Formey??? Jack (Look Ma no Hands) Evans promoting a transfer from the Hay crew the hard way...Richard (Chubby) Hicks claiming his poor little feet just won't hold him up anymore...Jay (I'm going to Chicago and never coming back) Butler has no comment for the press...Walter (Cassius X) Wellman says, "I'm the greatest, thebest, the fastest, the mphhh"...Has anyone noticed how much better the band sounds since Bruce(plunk Plunk) Noller went to Rothe Hall??? George Formey??? W. J. Davis counting the minutes, hours and meals until he can get to Billings and write a couple of checks...Warren (Y'know) Hollywood decamps for Rothe Hall where they have larger mirrors....Vice squad cleans up local gambling casinos.....Turkey Pete recipient of charity donation from the gambling syndicate....Croupiers and customers wondering what to do with all their spare time....Recreation Director insisting KXLF-TV sent in spies and copied the Fall Movie schedule for their late shows...Welcome Back Committee sending out fancy cards to all the old timers who come back P.V.....John (The exuberant Irishman) Bogue impatiently awaiting St. Patricks Day and a change of luck, or something...Joe (The Socratic Freudian) Dial remounts his pulpit as though he'd never left...Bill (The Barber) Bierson now counts his fingers every time the cell doors open and close...Garth (Cool Note) Reynolds dons the mortar board and begins teaching drafting at the school. Doesn't anyone know who George Formey is??? M.P. News Editor requesting permission to clean lettuce....



**Hand Braided
Bridles
&
Belts**



**Hand Tied
Flies**



**Hand Tooled
Leather Goods**



Poster Parents

	NO	NAME
TO FOSTER PARENT	1. 495	Initiates Foster Parents Plan (Montana State Prison)
FROM FOSTER CHILD	1. 495	ALFRED Stephen

June 1964

dear Foster Parents,

We are all very well and hope that it is the same with you. In a few days school will close and my friends and I will have our fill of playing and fine fun free of all care. It is not very hot yet because for a whole week it has been raining continually. With the money you sent me we bought foodstuffs, copybooks and summer clothes. I convey to you the kind greetings of my grandpa and my sister also sends you her love. This month I received your personal gift package with the following things: 1 men's sports trousers, 1 ditto shirt, 2 pr of children's woolen socks and 4 prs of cotton ones, 1 jacket. All these were nice and new. Today I was given your monthly grant of 240 dms (28.00) and 2 prs of underwear, 1 shirt, 1 shirt and 1 trousers also very fine and new. I am ever so much both for the money and the clothes that you sent me. I love you very affectionately,

Your Foster son
Stephen ALFRED.



Αγαπητοί μου γονείς.
Είμαστε όλοι καλά όλοι καλά, εντός λίγων ημερών
είχαμε και διά του έξι γίγας μίξ-ντς κί-κλ-
σουν τα χαρτιά και έχω οι φίλοι μου οι χερ-
σους τα παιχνίδια τους. Σήμερα δίνουμε, δίνω
μία έβδομάδα έχετε συνεχώς μετά χρημα-
τίου έλασα δώρα δώσαμε χέρμα ταράδια και πα-
χα δερμάτιν έλ- δερμάτιν ταυ χερσισμούς ταυ-
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το μάνα αυτό έγραψα και τα δερμάτινα δώμα
έχε μέσα τα καλώς είδα
Η Πανεργάνη Ανδρικό στήρ εν (1)
γαστ. με χέρια
τα δερμάτιν καλώς.
Είχαμε χερσισμούς

foster parents

		NAME
TO FOSTER PARENT	F-8988	Inmates Foster Parents Plan (Montana State Prison)
FROM FOSTER CHILD	P-3396	Teresita M. Estacio

June 1964

My dear Foster Parents,

Thank^{for} having me as one of your foster daughter
I'm also happy to know that you are fond of me and
I'm also proud of having good foster parents.

Thanks God that I'm one of the children ~~was~~
assigned to you. My dear foster parents - I'm 12 years old
and my be from the picture you have seen. you
have notice the whole appearance. If I will given
the opportunity to do so I'll rather prepare to help
my mother for I have no father anymore. I do
believe that you will keep me accomplish these things.

Thanks for the money you gave me for
the house, for the 6 pairs of socks and for the
materials for a light shirt. My mother and I will
be the one to sew it. I didn't know how far the
school from our but are pay 10 centavos for the
transportation back and forth.

My dear foster parents as you describe you
live country, Montana, I don't know but I feel
I would like to reach the places on my way to
school. your next letter to see the picture of the pure of
place and most of all to hear something about
you. I have my likes and one of them is to be
somebody in the future. My ambition in life is to
be a merchant of someday with the help of God,
the Almighty and while your help my dear parents
I proud of you because I think as that my mother
cannot afford sending me to school for we are
poor.

I'm all and thank again for being
kind and helpful. Write until then and goodbye.

Your foster daughter,
Teresita Estacio





MOVIE SCHEDULE



Coming
Soon

At the W.A.
Clark Theater

OCTOBER



17th TACAS BULBA

Starring Yul Brynner & Tony
Curtis



Tony Curtis

24th TRAPEZE

Starring Tony Curtis, Gina Lollobrigida & Kirk
Douglas

31st THE VIKINGS

Starring Kirk Douglas, Tony Curtis & Janet
Leigh



Kirk Douglas

- Suspense
- Comedy
- Love

**EVERYONE ENJOYS
A
GOOD MOVIE**

NOVEMBER



7th SERGEANTS THREE

Starring Frank Sinatra, Peter Lawford, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis, Jr.

14th Geronimo

Starring Chuck Connors & Lita Milan

21st SWORD of the CONQUEROR

Starring Jack Palance?

26th POCKETFUL of MIRACLES

Starring Glenn Ford & Bette Davis

28th (THANKSGIVING DAY) FLIGHT FROM ASHIYA

Starring

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Unconfirmed yet.

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COLOR CARTOONS

Sports

of sorts

by "Wee Willie"

LABOR DAY EVENTS

Basketball Free Throw (15 tries)

(1st) Big Head 11 of 15

(2nd) LaMere 10 of 15

(3rd) Hodkins & Walker 9 of 15

Tug-O-War was won by:

Hungry, Martz, Eisel, Hamilton, Buckman, Blacktongue, Fisher, Flansberg, James, Spann, Pena, Shaver Sheffler, Hale, Fassinger, and Anchorman Miller.

Drunken Sailor

Team #1

Team #2

Team #3

Byrd

James

Headly

Amor

Spann

Craft

Yelloweyes

Fassinger

Martz

Lamere

Lamere

Hamilton

James

Amor

Hauffman

Three Legged Race

1st: Amor-Walker & James-Walker

2nd: Fassinger-Miller

Wheelbarrow Race:

1st: Amor-Kennedy

2nd: Doney-Spadt

3rd: Walker-James

Sack Race

1st: Amor

2nd: James

3rd: Hamilton

Dominoes Tournament

1st: DuBois & Schlauch 2nd: Nelson & Perrinan

Boxing Card:

Hemby defeated Wells

Beauchamp defeated Sidebottom

Cox vs. Jackson (draw)

Morsette vs. badhawk (draw)

Fisher defeated Hipine

Walker & Amor (exhibition)

Martz defeated LaPier

Morsette & Yelloweyes (exhib.)



The M.S.P. "B" Team walloped the Townsend nine by a score of 12 to 3 in a softball game played on Sept. 12th.

The "B" team scored 12 runs on 11 hits. Don Toms was the big stick as he homered and tripled. Tom's homer in the 4th inning was a grand slam.

Starr Griffin was the winning pitcher giving up only three hits and walking four.

In the second game of the double header the inside "A" team had to come from behind in order to beat Townsend, 6-5.

C. R. Casey was the winning pitcher giving up 7 hits, issuing 4 walks and striking out 10.

The "A" team scored their six runs on 6 hits.

SHOP LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

This is a little late to be reporting the final outcome, but, it should be mentioned that School #2 was the winner of the shop league tournament and trophy this year.

Their line-up was as follows: Alton, Catcher; Wilson, 3rd base; Layne, Short-stop; Larson, Centerfield; Moran, 1st base; Ebeltoft, 2nd base; resch, Left field; Casey, Pitcher; Kennedy, Right field; and two relief men, Braun and Crepeau.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Alaska has taken the big step forward by legalizing conjugal visits for her inmates. Under the terms of the new law, honor prisoners will be permitted to have one twenty-four hour pass every six weeks.

---via the Stockade



by Bill "the Barber" Bureson

Although our barber shop is not the most exclusive, we feel it is the best at M.S.P. Our place of business consists of four chairs, four barbers, one student barber, and a very efficient swamper Joe "Shoe Shine" Russell, who really keeps the place neat and clean. In chair four we have John Follow Road. John is certainly no stranger to our regular customers. In chair three is an old timer Vern "Paroled" Hoffine who is going to leave us in the near future, and will probably join some major league soft ball team. In chair two is John Ledesma. John is getting to be a pretty good barber, and should get better if he just sticks with it. In chair one, which I occupy we also have our student barber Earl Thomas. Earl is trying hard, and if he keeps at it I know he will make the grade.

Although there are many different hair styles, we are limited to a few in here. The most common of these are the flat top and Caesar style. Of course we lose a few customers, but only because of circumstances beyone our control, such as, parole or discharge, and even some of these come back in due time.

The shop like any other barber shop is the center of gossip. We hear about everything from dandruff to bum befs.

We all try to do our best to serve you, so the next time you come to the barber shop for a haircut —SMILE— just remember your hair is in our hands.

Tapes for the



Blind

by W. Wellman

I am one of two inmates that record for the blind here at M.S.P. There have been many before me and I hope there will be those who take over where we leave off.

To me this is a very worthwhile program: not only for the blind we record for, but for the men who record as well. Whether making tapes for the State's Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind program or for the Christian Record Braille Foundation, whenever I finish a book it gives me a feeling of accomplishment, a feeling that I have done something for somebody else and for myself at the same time. This type of job is very hard to come by as most prisoners know.

The program began here in January 1961. Mr. J. C. Carver, State Supervisor of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind, got together with Mr. Carpino, Social Service Director. He told them of the great need for such a service. He explained that students attending both public and private schools were badly in need of these recordings.

Mr. Carver's agency provided the necessary equipment such as, recorders, tapes and text books to be taped. The prison, of course, provided the men.

Prior to the program here, it had been necessary to hire people to read the material for the blind students. These people were not easy to find and were usually students who couldn't devote as much time as was necessary. I think it could go without saying that we can devote as much time as is necessary.

When recording, we try to do a little more than just read the books. We try to put ourselves in these peoples place when explaining such things as color, optical illusions, graphs and etc. Those receiving these tapes are anywhere from grade school to college. Some of the different types of books we read are: Anatomy of prose, Theology and Sanity, The Physical Universe, Psychology and Life and even some grade school readers.

At the present time there are 11 students going to college and several more attending High School and Grade School. Of course, all these students don't need the same service to sit pretty hard to know which text books and how many will be needed for the year. There are over 100 tapes in use most of the time. There are over 75 textbooks that have been recorded here some as many as three times. Between 12 and 15 miles of tape a month are recorded.

It is the general opinion, of those who should know, that this program will be used more and more as time goes by. It may expand to take care of other printed material. In some instances it could include everything from Home Economics courses to monthly news magazines. I, for one, sincerely hope so, for to me it is the most worthwhile program here.

Illinois: The John Howard Association, a non-profit rehabilitation organization, recently announced that it will urge state laws to be amended to allow released prisoners or parolees to draw unemployment compensation immediately upon their release.

Nevada: Four inmates of the Nevada State Prison participated in a crime prevention discussion on juvenile delinquency. The all inmate panel were guests of Ormsby County Parent Teachers Association at Carson City.

Via the Pointer News

P. Pickin' Prisoners



(P. as in Potatoes)

Photos by M. Archambeau

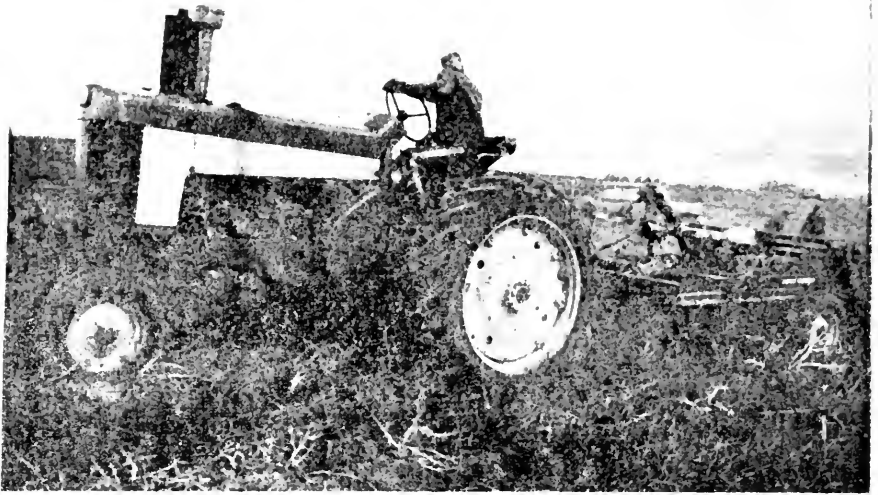
Story by Z. Snow

Once a year the details at Rothe Hall are thinned down to skeleton crew size and everyone turns out for a week of potato picking, sun bathing and frolic. Ahem!

This year was no exception. The primary difference was that this year much planning and plotting were done even before the crews were taken to the field. One hundred and sixteen inmates and fifteen officers were prepared well in advance and were fed hot meals in the field every day.

The first day seemed to prove that this year's crop would be no match for the bumper crop that was harvested last year, for only 96 tons of potatoes were picked. Last year 986 tons of potatoes were gathered from a 100 acre field. This year just over 400 tons were picked from an 80 acre field.

The crop last year was distributed to the State Hospital in Warm Springs, the Training School in Boulder, the Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Galen, the Children's Home in Twin Bridges, the Vocational School in Helena, the Soldier's Home in Columbia Falls and an emergency



issue was made to the flood victims in the Kalispell area. The remainder was used at the prison. Besides being a staple for the inmate menu over 300 tons were used as hog and cattle fodder and for seeds.

The picture above shows an inmate operating the potato digger. The digger was frequently held up because of the weeds and the heavy plants on the surface of the field. The picture below shows long row of inmates facing Mt. Powell. There is not much can be said for the work but the view was beautiful.





Above: "Oh, my achin' back!", or as Jack Weber said, "the novelty wore off after the first !*&# +%&\$ sack."

Below: The heaviest and perhaps hardest part of the job is bucking the spuds, heaving the loaded sacs from the ground to the bed of the truck.





Above: Truck is loaded and ready for trip to the root-cellar. Crew has departed for a hot meal. Below: Men from the Honor Crew unload the truck at the root cellar and dump sacked potatoes in bins.

Dick Brown, Bob Allen, Bill Wilson and Troy Wilkenson arose at 4:00 AM every morning and accompanied officer Jensen to the field. There they gassed and oiled the vehicles for the day's work. These men worked 14 hours and more a day to keep the equipment working.

On the final day of picking a contest composed of the best picker from each crew was held. He and the partner of his choice went head down and tail up for twenty minutes of feverish activity. Their reward? Well, if they win they'll get a carton of cigarettes apiece.

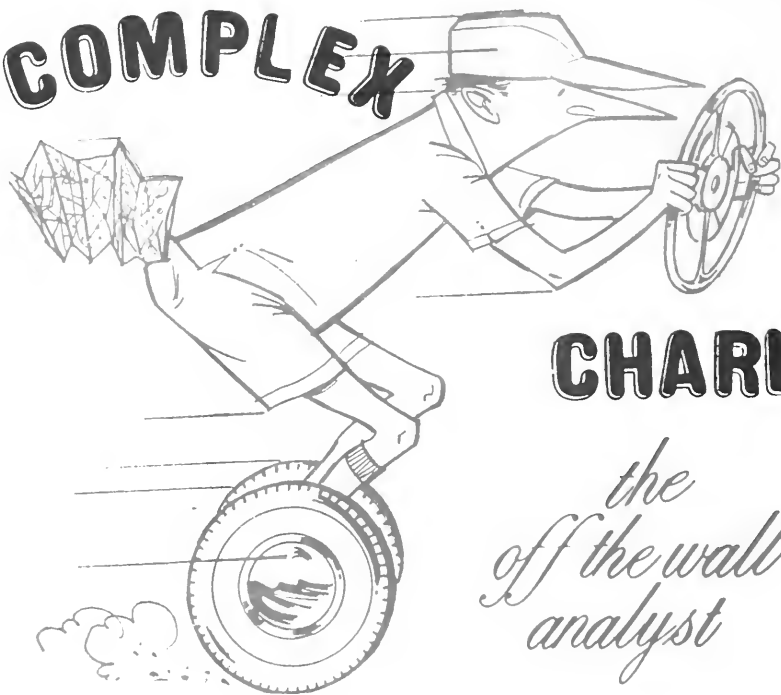




Above: Two radio cars and a mounted guard were part of a triangular security patrol. Officer Jerry Kurzenbaum said, "it was a lark for the first couple of days but its getting a bit stiff up here." -- Oh well! think of the poor horse. Below: Hot meals were a welcome addition to this year's harvest. Peanutbutter and jelly sandwiches just don't seem to stick with a man like meat, potatoes and gravy.



COMPLEX



CHARLIE

*the
off the wall
analyst*

Dear Chuck:

How do we get a man to the moon and get him back?

"Gabby" Barney Varner

Dear Gabby:

They should try giving that first daring astronaut a parole from the State of Montana. He's sure to come back.

Charlie

Dear Namesake:

What is the reason that we are not allowed to roll our sleeves up?

Curious Charlie Hick

Dear Curious:

What sleeves?

Complex Charlie

Dear Complex Charlie:

In the interests of rehabilitation I decided to forego the advantages at Rothe Hall and to return to the band where I can improve my guitar playing and entertain the population at the same time with my singing. Some of my friends think I've made a mistake. May I have your opinion?

Seab 'The Voice' Vinson

Dear Vince:

I'm certain your friends are right. You shouldn't fail to partake of the advantages of being a trusty. As a matter of fact if you don't go out soon there is apt to be a mass exodus for Rothe Hall, or even Max.

Honest Complex Charlie

Dear Complex:

How come there are no partitions in the school?

Reg of the tender auricles Sabol

Dear Reg:

The idea is to not only teach the students to think, but to teach them to think under a strain. This really helps them a great deal.

Insensate Charlie

Dear Complex:

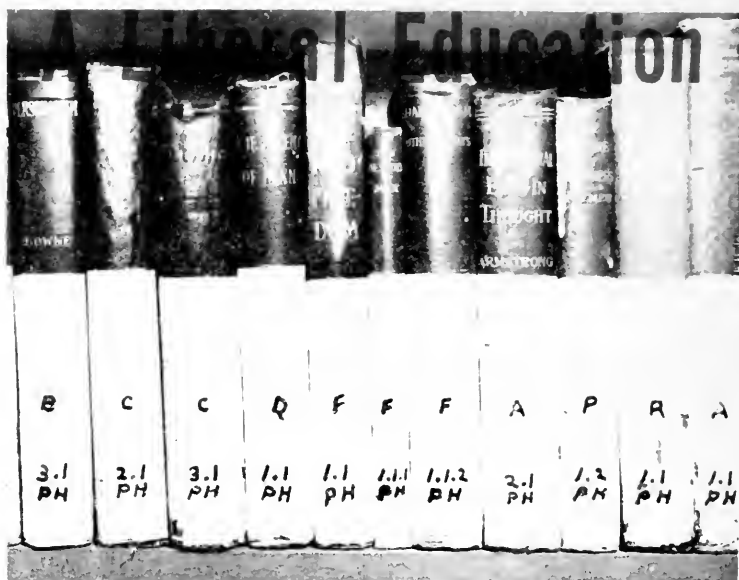
Everywhere I turn I see something about the prison Jaycees. They've bought the softball jerseys, started a record program with all kinds of new jazz albums, ran a beard contest, sponsored a pinochle tournament, bought a boxing trophy, helped several of their members to find jobs, built signs advertising the hobby shop, brought in a donkey baseball game and I don't know how much else. I've just one question? Where does all the money come from?

No Jaycee

Dear Envious:

However they do it they are to be commended provided it isn't the sameway that got them in here.

Retired Rooster Charlie



by Joe Dial

A liberal education tends to give one a more liberal frame of mind. Liberal, in this case, meaning generous and sympathetic to the affairs, pleasures, and sufferings of one's fellow man. This knowledge can be easily and interestingly acquired on a self-study basis, by reading the writings of the outstanding thinkers, poets, historians and novelists of ancient and modern times.

"The only distinction between the selfish man and the virtuous man is, that the imagination of the selfish is confined within a narrow limit, whilst that of the unselfish embraces a comprehensive circumstance."

Percy Bysshe Shelly

Man does not grow into a mature, cultured, liberal person automatically when he reaches a certain age. He starts out in life as a completely selfish, egocentred savage. And training or education is the only thing

that will get him away from selfcenteredness, and make him into a social animal with mature consideration for the well being of those around him.

A very large portion of the world's people never complete this cultural transition from selfish animal to social man, but remain egocentered the rest of their miserable lives. Some do affect this transcendence to a high degree; they become our great liberal thinkers, (philosophers), poets and socio-political leaders. Jesus Christ, Mohandas Gandhi, Percy Shelly, Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, H. G. Wells, Will. Inge, are examples of great thinkers who have successfully made this transition from animal to man.

Those who fail to make this transition cannot comprehend the people who have; and who as a consequence, are concerned over the well being of society as a whole to a much higher degree than they are about themselves. The egoist is not capable of this mature altruism himself, and he cannot conceive of anyone else feeling altruistic.

The egoist says, to his self-centered ego; "I am selfish, so everyone must be. Those liberals, those fuzzy-minded dreamers of Utopia, those do-gooders, can't actually feel as they say they feel, so they must be lying the hypocrites." By such twisted thinking, rationalization, such judging others by themselves and their own narrow standards, they seek to justify their own egocentricity. Having arrived at this illogical conclusion they need not even consider the possibility that others just might feel differently than they.

That great liberal poet, Percy Shelly, in his essay SPECULATIONS ON MORALS, written in eighteen twelve, said: (Bracketed Inserts Mine)

"The tendencies of our original sensations, indeed, all have for their object the preservation of our individual being. But these are passive and unconscious. In proportion as the mind acquires active power, the empire of these tendencies become limited. Thus an infant, a savage, and a solitary beast, is selfish, because its mind is incapable of receiving an accurate intimation of the nature of pain as existing in beings resembling itself.

The inhabitant of a highly civilized community will more acutely sympathize with the sufferings and enjoyments of others, than the inhabitants of a society of less degree of civilization. He who shall have cultiv-

ated his intellectual powers by familiarity with the highest specimens of poetry and philosophy, will usually sympathize more than one engaged in less refined functions.

Everyone has experience of the fact, that to sympathize with the sufferings of another is to enjoy a transitory oblivion of his own.

The mind thus acquires, by exercise, a habit, as it were, of perceiving and abhorring evil, however remote from the immediate sphere of sensations with which the individual is conversant." P. SHELLEY

So this great eighteenth-nineteenth century poet backs up, in part, what the egoist claims about the "fuzzy minded liberal" who preaches the brotherhood of man, aid for the poor, and equality for all. Our motive is, after all, selfish. We have had experience of the fact that we can enjoy a transitory oblivion of our own problems and pain by trying to relieve the suffering of others. This is the "selfish" reason why people go into social work, teaching, medicine, and psychology. But the point is, even though altruism originates in a selfish motivation, conscious or unconscious, the liberal desire to help the unfortunate, the oppressed, the dispossessed, and miserable in the world, is REAL. It is a true attitude, regardless of its origin, it is a mature attitude; and it differs from that of the self-centered egoist, the "rugged individualist" who is limited in outlook and cannot get far enough away from his own little self to want to help his less fortunate fellows.

The above quotations from Shelley compares astonishingly with modern psychology's concept of the mature mind; as it does with Jesus' admonition to forget selfish concern and lose oneself in loving service to others.

To quote Shelley again on this subject:

"Selfishness is the offspring of ignorance and mistake; it is the portion of unreflecting infancy, and savage solitude, or those whom toil or evil pursuits have blunted or rendered torpid.

Benevolence is the product of cultivated imagination."

It has been my personal experience, too; that the only true happiness possible in this world comes from trying to help others. This virtue is its own reward, and one does not need the nebulous promise of a reward in some after life. This is the psychological motiv-

ation behind my efforts to prepare myself for the avocation of teacher and writer in the psychological-sociological-political sphere of human concerns. I feel that by helping others to a better understanding of, and ability to function in, a social world, I will, possibly understand life better myself.

I feel too that I am accomplishing something along this line, that because of my study of the great thinkers and writers in the fields mentioned I am a slightly better teacher and writer, and that I am a little less selfish and infant-minded than when I came here. That is why I am not so terribly unhappy in prison.

Albert Einstein, the late great theoretical physicist intellectual, and liberal said:

"To make a goal of personal comfort or happiness has never appealed to me. A system of ethics built on this basis (individual concern) would be sufficient only for a herd of cattle.

It seems to me that the distinctions of classes (separation) are false; in the last analysis they rest on force.

Such stains on humanity should be erased without delay. I think well enough of human nature to believe it would have been wiped out long ago had not the common sense of nations been systematically corrupted through school and press for business and political reasons."

I have to agree with Mr. Einstein, our commercial education tends to make selfish materialists out of most of the population; people who have no interest in forming a better society for everyone; but are grossly concerned with individual acquisition of worldly goods for themselves.

I could go on and on quoting the great liberal minded thinkers who have enjoyed this transcendence from selfish animal to sensitive human nature; but this would probably not change the mind of many self-centered egoists or "rugged individualists", people who owe their very existence and continued well-being to society, as all of us altruist and egoist alike do. These poor misguided people seem to prefer to live in a dream world of self sufficiency and unconcern for the suffering of their fellows, or their obligation to the weak and unfortunate.

"When will they ever learn?"

Rothe Hall Movie Schedule

3 & 4 October (Comedy)	ARSENIC & OLD LACE Starring Cary Grant & Peter Lorre
10 & 11 Oct. (Western)	THE BIG SKY Starring Kirk Douglas & Dewey Martin
12 October (Adventure)	THE SEA HAWK Stars: Errol Flynn & Brenda Marshall
17 & 18 Oct. (Drama)	THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME Charles Laughton & Maureen O'Hara
24 & 25 Oct. (Comedy)	THE INSPECTOR GENERAL Danny Kaye & Elsa Lanchester
31 Oct. & 1 November	THE BRAVE BULLS Mel Ferrar & Anthony Quinn
7 & 8 Nov. (Western)	THEY DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON Errol Flynn, Anthony Quinn & Olivia DeHavilland
14 & 15 Nov. (Comedy)	BELL, BOOK AND CANDLE James Stewart, Kim Novak & Jack Lemmon
21 & 22 Nov. (Adventure)	THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE Errol Flynn, Olivia DeHavilland & David Niven
26 November (Drama)	THE DEVIL AND DANIEL WEBSTER Walter Huston, Edward Arnold & Simone Simon
28 & 29 Nov. (Western)	FAR HORIZONS Fred MacMurray, Charlton Heston & Donna Reed



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August 26, 1964

Mr. Edward C. Ellsworth, Jr.
Warden, Montana State Prison
Deer Lodge, Montana

Dear Mr. Ellsworth:

The entire staff of the Montana Red Cross Blood Center wishes to express their gratitude for the excellent drawing on August 20th.

Special thanks goes to each donor who gave so cheerfully and willingly, and to all those who helped make the operation successful.

We are continually thankful for your cooperation in allowing us the use of your facilities for these drawings. Your contribution to this program helps immeasurably.

We hope our message of thanks reaches those who gave so that others might benefit.

Very sincerely yours,

William G. Shull, M.D.
Medical Director

WGS:hw

INMATES AT PRISON CONTRIBUTE TO BLOOD BANK

Deer Lodge - A Blood drawing was held at Montana State Prison last week which netted 157 units, which exceeded the quota of 125 units.

Mrs. O. M. Bryan, blood chairman, announced four heart surgeries to be performed before September 1 will require 90 units of blood. The next drawing in Deer Lodge will be October 27th.



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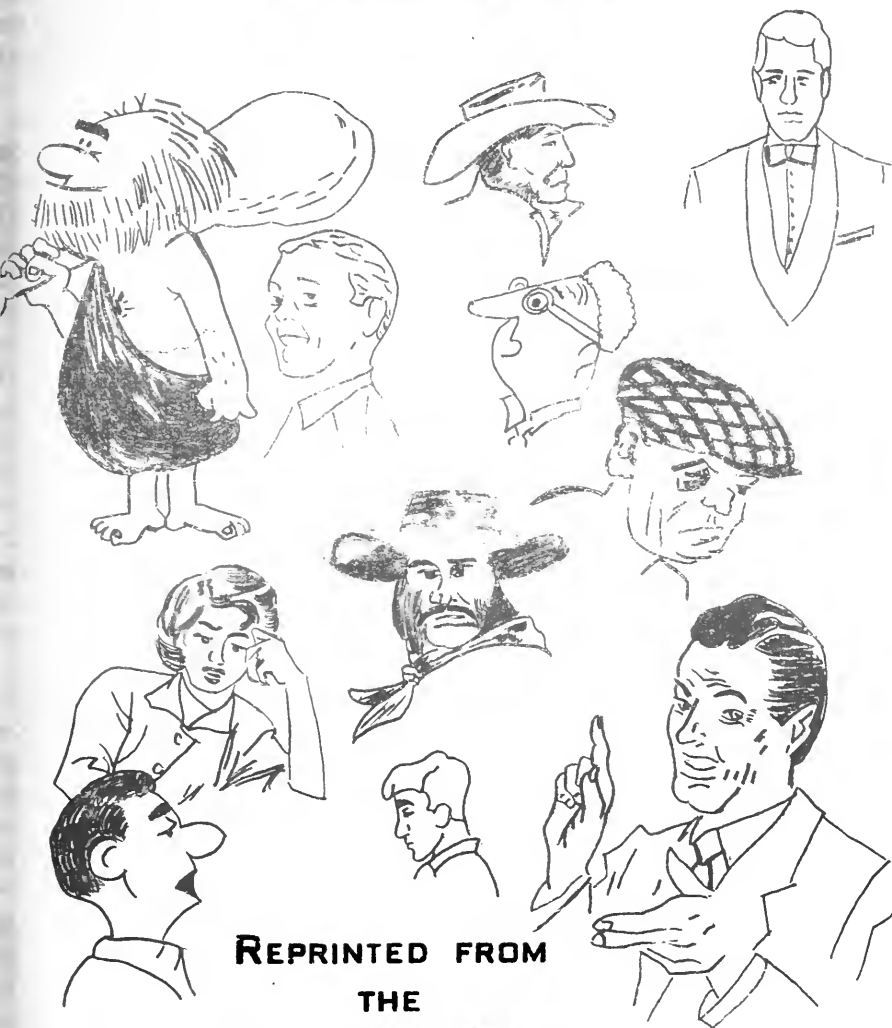
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THE MANY FACES OF THE PAROLEE



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To any person who has never been in prison, the emotional impact of an inmate on leaving may not be easily or fully understood. Employers, family members, and the first termers especially, expect a behavior that should not be too much different than their pre-committment era as far as the customary advantages of freedom and work

are concerned.

To the contrary there are many elements the parolee must face that are not generally known to the family or the employers as well as himself. Probably the strongest and most dominant of these combined elements is a profound dread of being recognized---either from dress or by mannerisms---as an ex-con. These sensations are not uncommon even to the man who has undergone previous parole releases.

For a period of several months to several years as a prisoner he has had a restraintment with few decisions and almost no preferences allowed him. He may quickly find himself weary and exhausted at the start of this new life which demands a greater energy output than that to which he has become accustomed. All that he must now do requires initiative and exertion of his own volition. He has had regular feeding and sleeping habits. His work assignment involved little or no responsibility, and most likely, his assigned tasks did not occupy most of his working day, which has been less than an eight hour day to start with. Even if his new employment keeps him within regular daytime schedules, the dull, monotonous mechanical-unthinking pattern of prison habit is disturbingly disrupted. For some, eating in a relaxed home atmosphere, or in a restaurant where he must decide what to eat, can prove to be extremely confusing and frustrating.

Much of this tiredness is produced from tension built up in the few days prior to release and from the excitement of being free. Many men seek to do too many things at once. Others have too much expected of them by family and friends. Quite often these two elements are prime factors in the man's eventual return to prison as a parole violator. Relatives and friends play an important part in helping newly released parolees to further develop their future and aid them to respond at a mature and sensible level. Sudden freedom after prolonged incarceration is very dazzling, dumbfounding, exciting and confusing for many men.

It is essential then that the relatives of inmates understand the problems they face in their forthcoming parole adjustment.

To be sure, prison life is orderly and very much regimented. The basic requirements for such an existence of regularity are automatically acquired upon entering pri-

son and endure with little or no variation throughout one's stay. For the most part he has it "easy." Upon return to a normal environment the expanded nervous strains which demand acceptance of full moral, social and legal responsibility can prove to be most trying, both physically and emotionally. The ride home from the prison, to work, the parole office, etc., may be very dulling regardless of the novel effects it may be producing temporarily.

Regardless of the state of mind the newly released parolee may have concerning parole he is definitely in need of moral support. Most often this begins in the home with the wife or parent. They must be mature enough adults to recognize that he is heavily confronted with the problems of adjustment in the home, the community, on the job, and with his personal being. The first few days after release are the most awkward for him to surpass. The next few weeks are the most difficult for him to survive and it is essentially important that the family members develop an understanding tolerance of his moods, actions and reactions. If this can be done at a time when the demands of freedom are the most stressing then fewer serious difficulties in his adjustment will be effected. By the end of his first few weeks he should be accepting of the responsibilities intrinsic to a basic way of life. An important factor in developing and sustaining confidence in the parolee is to not harass him about his imprisonment. It is absolutely necessary and essential that a wholesome atmosphere and hopeful attitude prevail in the home environment. A poor home morale condition quite often is the prime factor which triggered the first of a series of behavior reactions which subsequently led him to prison. A return to this same environment has its obvious aspects relative to return to prison as a parole violator, or, worse yet, for a new felony conviction. The family must accept the parolee at face value and realize that full assistance is mandatory if he is to avoid a return to prison. The family must accept the parolee and their role as a help-mate previous to the man's release; preferably at the beginning of his incarceration.

The employer should also realize that a man just released from prison has many problems to face and solve. He should also know that the parolee may be facing these problems with little or no help; possibly with some in-

terference or agitation. Therefore, he should not expect too much, or even normal, industriousness and application for the first few days on the job. Some men spend months even years, assigned to prison duties which they dislike intensely. Others come into strong personal conflict with their supervisor. After enduring one or both of these factors for an extended period of time in prison, the new parolee may immediately "raise hell" or "find fault" with his work supervisor and indignantly effect no less than an enraged departure from the premises. Naturally the employer is astonished by this sudden rebellious outbreak. And, why not? He provoked nothing. He was friendly and tried to be helpful. What happened? Very simply, the parolee was venting his suppressed feelings developed in prison, or possibly stemming from an earlier period. A parolee may acquire and fire himself from more than one job within a relatively short time after release from prison. Everything, surface-wise may appear fine to the employer. The man dresses neat, is clean, works well and applies himself diligently, gets along with fellow workers and in general fits into the scheme of things, Yet, after a few days or a week or two he "blows it."

Often the employer becomes angry. "That damned con," he may rage. "I'll never hire another one." If this parolee goes through three or four jobs in a month or so in this manner much harm has been done to the future parolees who may seek these same employers for jobs. Most men, after "losing" their jobs, settle down and prove themselves to be good workers once their suppressed hostilities have been vented.

Of course this is not always the case with all parolees. Some will quit their jobs, parole, and future and wind up back in prison; sometimes preceeded by a glaring newspaper headline of their latest exploits. The employer must realize, if this occurs, that this is not the complete picture of all men released from prison and in search of a job. In the great majority of cases the employer is aware of the "parole status of his employee. He bases his acceptance of the man on job skill, industriousness and personal qualities. In return he provides a salary commensurate with these abilities. If the employer can also accept the fact that the new employee is an unfortunate being, in need of social help and moral support, he can do much in the way of this

man's self-rehabilitation by realizing the fact that the problems of the man brought from the prison to the home are also with him on the job. If he can allow, not a more lenient treatment, but a greater flexibility with this type of individual the new parolee's situation may be eased considerably.

Family members and friends of an inmate should make an honest effort to become learned of the causes and circumstances surrounding his behaviour, his present situation and the prospects he faces once returned to a productive society. Contacts with institutional, parole, and other interested outside agencies should begin at the time the inmate is received at the prison. Counseling should be sought if real help and assistance is to be given. Whether or not success will be the final result depends primarily on the inmates willingness to accept help, and his determination to never again return to a prison environment.



THREW A BOOMERANG

Asheville, N. C. --(AP)-- A defense attorney was attempting to discredit the testimony of a woman state's witness during a trial in Buncombe (Asheville) County Superior Court.

"You just finished a prison term yourself, didn't you?" the attorney demanded. "Yes, that's right," the witness replied.

"You were convicted of forgery, Right?"

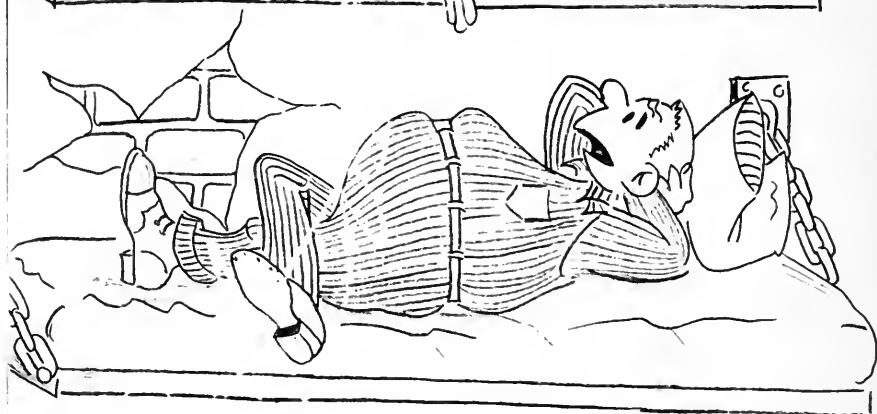
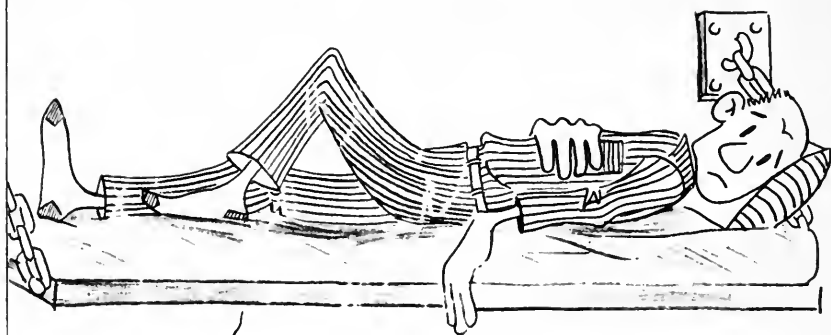
"Yes, that's right", the witness answered.

"What did you forge?" the attorney continued.

"Nothing!"

"Nothing?" the attorney thundered. "What on earth were you doing in prison?"

"I wish you'd tell me," the witness replied. "You were my lawyer."



FLETCHER

"I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW I WAS CONVICTED. I HAD
EXCELLENT CHAKACTER WITNESSES AT MY TRIAL;
THREE BARTENDERS, A PAWNBROKER & A BONDS MAN."

Parolee Jobs

Wardens See Public as Key

by Nobuo Abiko

Staff Correspondent

#1 of three parts reprinted from the Christian Science Monitor

A prison warden's concern doesn't end with his prisoners. It reaches out to the people "outside" -- people like you and your neighbors.

Ask a warden what his biggest problem is, and he will reply, in effect: "You."

"What we most need in corrections is not just more facilities," declares T. Wade Markley, warden of the United States Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Ind. "What we need is public understanding and acceptance of released prisoners. It's something that is basic."

"We can work our heads off and get a man ready for release," continues the warden. "We get his attitudes right. Then he goes out and people don't want him in their clubs, in their churches, or living next door. And all our work is shot."

WHY NOT SUCCESS STORIES?

To wardens, the attitude of mass media is crucial.

"We all know that the only time we get any publicity is when we have a riot at an institution or an escape, or when a parolee robs a bank or commits a murder," says

Raymond W. Meier, warden of the United States Correctional Institution at Sandstone, Minnesota.

"Why can't you run stories on our success rates?" asks J. A. Mayden, another warden. Such stories "can't be dramatic," he admits, but they "would help in some way to reduce the public prejudice against ex-prisoners."

"Usually the good stories get buried in the back," complains Warden Markley.

Warden Meier concedes, however, that many "successes" shun publicity so "we cannot tell the world about them."

These wardens were in Chicago recently to attend the 63rd annual meeting of the John Howard Association, a private prisoner-aid agency. They were joined by correctional officers from throughout the United States.

PUBLIC COOPERATION NEEDED

Informal conversations almost invariably turned back to the public's attitude toward former inmates.

Obviously, these experts felt that the general public had not yet caught up with what one warden called "the most important trend in corrections in the last five years." "This trend, said Olin C. Minton, warden of the United States Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, is the basic change in penal philosophy "from punishment to treatment."

"Keeping a man (confined) is easy," explained Warden Markley. "We could do it with 10 percent of our resources. There's no reason for the other 90 percent unless we provide treatment."

But much of the treatment process requires public cooperation, the wardens said.

Two important ways, they added, are sponsorship of parolees and giving jobs to releases.

Both are continuing problems.

Many inmates who are granted parole cannot be released because no one in their community will sponsor them or give them a job. These are called "submerged parolees." Some have to stay a year or longer in prison before being released. Illinois has roughly 150 such cases today.

"I think it's a psychological mistake to grant parole and then say it's contingent on certain conditions," declares James V. Bennett, director of the United States Bureau of Prisons.

Mr. Bennett gave the principal address at the John Howard Association meeting.

He said he is hoping Congress will pass a bill that would permit selected prisoners to leave the institution during the day for a job in the local community and then return at night. Wisconsin, Maryland and North Carolina already have this program.

A job, Mr. Bennett maintained, is "the best crime prevention technique that has ever been devised." He said a four year study by the University of Illinois showed "that nearly all prisoners who find jobs fairly quickly when they are released are successful in staying out of trouble thereafter."

BILL PRAISED

The federal prison official also noted that President Johnson's anti-poverty bill offers considerable help to ex-inmates. Under it, the government would pay 90 percent of the cost of community-action programs that help find jobs for the unemployed. Ex-prisoners could find help through community job-training projects, clinics for alcoholics, and guidance programs, Mr. Bennett suggested.

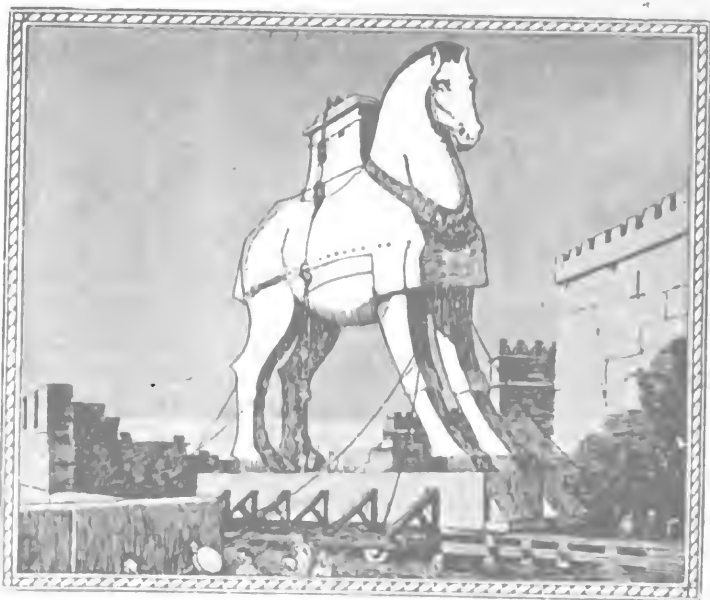
Many existing private agencies help ex-prisoners. But such aid, says Warden Meier, "is only one of the minor functions of most of these organizations. Needed are groups and organizations whose major efforts are aimed to assist our releasees."

At Sandstone, Warden Meier's caseworkers try to arrange face-to-face interviews between releases and prospective employers.

DISCUSSIONS HELP

"Discussion with out people, followed by an opportunity to talk to releasees, effectively dispels the employer's preconceived and too-often distorted image of the felon," says the warden.

Sandstone also has an organization of inmates called the Self-Improvement Group. They meet every Sunday and twice a month, engage a guest speaker from a nearby community. Speakers usually represent business, the professions, schools, or government agencies. Question and answer sessions follow the speech.



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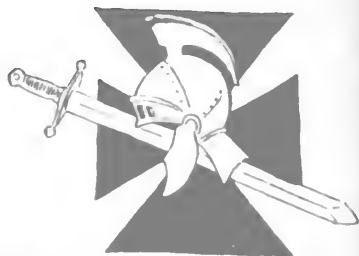
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District #3

The past month was a very busy one for the M.P. Jaycees. The members had a chance to prove their interest in Jaycees, as is usually the case when we undertake a big project. This time it was the centennial book titled "NUGGETS", our biggest project since the operations manual. It took many long hours of hard work, but everyone seemed to be enjoying it. It proves once again that any project in which the whole club can participate in, is the best. It is this sort of thing that teaches us to work with others and enjoy every minute of it.

The book written by Joe Lucas and Zoel Snow is probably the best ever to come out of this prison. It is certainly well worth reading. I know that Joe and Zoel spent many long hours preparing it, and by all means have done an outstanding job.

Now I'd like to mention the names of the men who so willingly volunteered to help assemble the book in their free time. They are: Boham, Bradshaw, Braun, Matthis Fandrich, Lagge, Mai, Falk, Foss, Spann, Suda, Swope, me White, Wellman, and Williams. Lawrence Morran worked days and nights running off the masters on the multilith so that the book would be out in time to meet the deadline of September 17th. We are very grateful to him for this. John Bellanger did an outstanding job of silk screening the cover, which turned out real good. Merville Archanbeau did a marvelous job in the photography department by getting some real clear pictures.

Levi Campbell drew several of the headings for the stories. Don Woodley designed the cover. Jerry Desmond, and Russ Titus typed the masters, which was quite a job in itself. We would like to thank all of these men for the fine job they did in making this big project a success.

Our special thanks goes to Warden Ellsworth for permission to print the "NUGGETS", and for the wonderful introduction, Mr. Carpino for the 14 hour days, including a whole weekend, he put in supervising the project, for going to Missoula for the cover stock, and to Butte for block paper, and finally we wish to express our thanks to the Deer Lodge Jaycees who purchased our paper then cut it for us.

THE ATHEIST

By George Suda

Atheist Madalyn Murray is continuing her war on God. She recently filed a suit in Federal Court asking that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag be prohibited in public schools as it was offensive to her 9-year-old son Garth.

She objects to the phrase "one nation under God!" Her suit asks for a three-judge U.S. District Court panel to test the constitutionality of reciting the pledge in public schools.

Of course Mrs. Murray is probably thrilled because of the publicity she gets, but it seems to me that she is missing the whole meaning and purpose in life. It is not the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, but her way of teaching that it is offensive to her son. If he is not taught to have faith in God, what possible meaning or purpose will he have in life?

We have a head on us for the same reason a pin has--- to keep us from going to far!

(Editors Note)

All articles in this Newsletter, unless otherwise specified, were written by the former Newsletter editor, George Suda.



EXTERNAL V.P. REPORTS

By Robert Schauer

The external committees are picking up more momentum after a rather slack summer season. Highlighting our activities was a very successful exhibit booth at the Civic Center in Helena for the Rehabilitation Convention which was held September 16th thru the 18th. The chairman of this committee is Larry Foss, who has done a remarkable job. There were approximately fifty exhibits in the show with approximately five hundred visitors going through in three days.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. & Mrs. John Sullivan of Butte who put in many long hours tending the display and selling copies of "NUGGETS" our Centennial Book. Our thanks also goes to Joe Lucas and Zoel Snow, who worked and slaved for many long months on reserch and compil - ing to make this a book we can be proud to say is ours.

The Ikon project is moving along rather slow, but Noel Williams and Marion Waddell are drawing up a design to be carved on wood. There has been a very ornate and beautiful Ikon carved in leather by one of the leather workers, which is what created interest in undertaking such a project.

MEET THE NEW CHAIRMEN

Donald Dixson was appointed out Toys for Tots chairman. Don will have his hands full for the next three months initiating a program for toys for children of inmates at MSP. It is also hoped that a state-wide project for toys for tots can be arranged for Christmas.

Don Falk is our new Parade of Cities chairman. He replaced Mike O'Rourke who went to Rothe Hall. Don seems to be quite able to handle this project, and will have his hands full with the proposed changes regarding the M.P. Jaycees. Vern Pomeroy of the Deer Lodge Jaycees was at our meeting Monday September 21st, and told us of the proposed changes in the State by-laws at the Fall Board meeting. Should these changes be approved it would aid our club in getting our Parade of Cities Points.

Marion Waddell took over R & R and hopes to get the project up to date as soon as possible. Robert White is the Americanism chairman, and is in the process of writing more letters to state officials to come and speak to the club on KNOW your government.

KEEP MONTANA GREEN

Dick Fandrich tells me that things are going smoothly on the Keep Montana Green project. He said he is awaiting materials and equipment from Missoula. As soon as they arrive we will begin work on the signs. The signs to advertise the prison hobby shop will also get under way when the material gets here.

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WE THANK THE VISITORS

We of the M. P. Jaycees wish to express our sincere thanks to Gil Magilke, State Vice President, Jack Lajoie and Dennis Speidel of Missoula for their visit of August 17th, Bob Griffes and Don Drummond of the State Forestry Service for coming down with Gil on August 31st, and explain the Keep Montana Green project to us, Tom Sampson Vern Pomeroy and Bill Hover of Deer Lodge for their frequent visits, and finally Mr. Carpino for his never ending efforts to make our club a success.

PENAL PRESS

Exchange

Bi-monthly we write up our Penal Press Exchange. It is very easy to pass out accolades, since we have such a long way to go to catch up to most of the other Penal Press magazines. For the past three months we thought half the battle won and that we were going to get some fairly up-to-date equipment. It now looks as though we are going to have to depend on craftsmanship for any improvement and we have a great deal of latitude in which to do it.

Once, monthly, the M. P. News staff reads the penal press. Here then, are some of the comments we made on those which we had received in the past two months.

GRAPHIC Enjoy getting your magazine. Its the only one we've been receiving from the Northeastern U. S. We understand the Vermont Jaycees are talking of opening a prison Jaycee chapter. We hope it will be soon and if we can help you in any way let us know.

ABOUT FACE Enjoyed reading Frankie's letter. Your usual neat looking paper was in a slightly dirty looking condition. Not from the mails, but from dirty typewriter keys.

THE REFLECTOR Yours is certainly one of the best women's journals we receive. Took some pleasure in reading the Editorial in your summer issue that began, "prejudice is a great time saver. It enables one to form opinions without getting all the facts."

BRIDGE Your art work is very much appreciated here. The prison Connecticut is about to demolish looks almost like the one they're thinking of building here. Any connection I wonder?

ENCHANTED NEWS For several years Penal Press magazines came and were not allowed into the prison. We don't

know where they were kept but about a year ago the staff of the paper was allowed to review them and to begin sending copies of the M. P. News out to Penal Press members. We have just now caught up to the new issues so many of the comments we have made are on issues two and three years old. The only thing we never throw away are those Enchanted News covers. We're certainly envious of them. Noel Baker was known here almost like a friend.

APALACHEE DIARY: This is the 1st issue we have seen of yours and we enjoyed it very much. We are about to do a little experimenting with the color over lay ourselves. Our interest was aroused when we saw the one in the Chino paper, THE PIONEER NEWS. Perhaps they could give us both some tips. Have just seen your second. Play-con was terrific.

RECOUNT: Your satire with the Recounted is certainly one of the best we've seen in the P. P. Like you said, "if you say something nice about us..." We read about, "Recounted" in the Rocky Mtn. News long before we got to see it. For some time we really believed all that jazz in the article by Marranzino. We skimmed it quite a ways before the spoof got to us.

EYE OPENER: For the benefit of Tuggle we are giving the results of our Beard Contest, sponsored by the prison Jaycees and advertising the Montana Centennial. The beards were grown for six months and the longest measured a little over 4 inches. Pictures and a run down were in the July issue of the Jaycee Newsletter included with the M. P. News.

CASTLE COURIER: As one ex-swabbie to another, what ever happened to your monthly pin-up girls? Even without them you've an excellent publication.

ANGOLITE: Harvey Love, Ed. - Many men here have been thinking along the same lines you have. Especially those who have been violated and are serving more time than they were originally sentenced to. Several writs have been sent in on the matter but so far there has been only contrary opinions handed down. There are a couple in now that look as though they may bring some relief to this situation.

INTERNAL V. P. REPORTS

The internal projects that have been most active for the last month have been, SPOKE, Membership, Newsletter Records, Centennial Book, and Speak-Up. The other projects have been slow due to not having data to work with and not having a chairman on a couple of the others.

We got off to a flying start September 14th on our Record Hop. Chairman Mai, had some real fine albums to listen to, and we has a real good turn out. From the looks of it I am sure it will be quite a success.

Our Centennial Book is finally finished. I have read it, and found it to be very interesting. Thanks to Joe Lucas and Zoel Snow for the fine jobs they did in writing it. While I am on the subject I would also like to thank all of the men who worked so hard to complete this project.

The Speak-Up program, which is handled by Wellman has been humming along every Monday right on schedule, and from some of the topics he has the participants talk about, he must rack his brain all week dreaming them up.

Noel Williams has informed me that he wants to wait until fall weather sets in before he plans on starting up the Variety Show. He feels that by doing so there should be a lot more people participating.

On the SPOKE and Membership, Mark Swope is doing a fine job getting the SPOKE points in order, which was somewhat neglected. Of all the new members we have now Mark is quite busy getting them Orientated.

SPOKE & Membership

The month of September has been very fruitful for the M.P. Jaycees. We now have thirty-nine active members in our club. Fourteen of these are new members and thirteen are still on the pending list.

I want to congratulate our SPOKE winners, they are, Chouinard, Fandrich, Foss, and O'Rourke. Including the four just mentioned, this gives a total of twenty--nine thus far. If you have not as yet received the SPOKE award I want to remind you that you have only the 1st year to do it in!

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"Fide, sed cui vide!"

Jaycee of the Month



Mark James Swope, Jaycee of the Month, is well deserving of the honor. Mark, a charter member of the club spent a short time at Rothe Hall, where he was held on the inactive list. Since coming back inside the walls, Mark was appointed SPOKE, Orientation, and Membership, chairman, and has done an outstanding job on all three.

During the past month he has devoted much of his time and effort working on our money making projects. When a job needs to be done, Mark always cheerfully volunteers his services. He is one of the members who has worked day and night helping to assemble the centennial book, and addressing Newsletters for other clubs.

Being so active and enthusiastic, Mark also belongs to the Speak-Up Jaycees, and Toastmasters.

Congratulations Mark! you have joined the ranks of outstanding Jaycees.

A pessimist remembers that the lily belongs to the onion family and an optimist remembers that the onion belongs to the lily family.



Snow Storms

SCORE, Street Corner Offense Reduction Experiment. This novel program was recently started in Syracuse, New York by the Jaycees. It is an attempt to get juvenile delinquents to aid each other. Volunteers from the Jaycees work with juveniles who have been in trouble or who are on the verge of getting in to trouble. They find jobs to keep them in spending money, take them fishing and to sports events, show concern with their school and home problems and ask that they in return help to keep other juveniles out of trouble.

Who knows more about juvenile delinquency than we do? What judge, probation officer or sympathetic neighbor has spent months or years in reform schools (of if you prefer, Industrial School)? While in this school the juvenile is severed from all normal relationships; parents, puppy-love, school, leisure hours, youth groups, mother's cooking, the parent's interest on how your doing in school, and who your friends are and all the other little factors that make a family a unit.

The chances are, of course, that the child would receive little of this type of guidance and encouragement at home, but under SCORE men who are interested in helping these children can do so.

A friend of mine while out on parole tried to do something along these lines. The local authorities didn't approve. Whether they felt he was invading their sacred territory or they thought he was another Fagen is not known. What is known is that they were not willing to take any sort of chance of having an ex-con talk to these

boys. Several that he wished to talk to were later sent to Miles City. Could this have been prevented? Who knows? But what harm would there have been in allowing him to tell them there were other ways to get their entertainment and excitement than by stealing cars and gas.

Texas and Indiana now have a program in which the inmates of the State prison journey to the high schools throughout the state and tell the teenagers the hows and whys of crime. When heard from those who know, crime is no great adventure.

Shouldn't we start a similar program here?

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

In the future, as international relations chairman I hope to provide the M.P. Jaycees at their meetings with more outside visitations than we have had in the past.

If you are of Jaycee age and not a Jaycee, but would like to become one, all you have to do is contact a Jaycee club member and make your wishes known.

In reading this, if you are one of the more fortunate ones in the free world, contact your nearest Jaycee Club. If you are a Jaycee, all of us here at the M.P. Jaycee would deeply appreciate it if after reading this newsletter you would pass it around to others, so that in the near future we can look forward to a visit from you and other Jaycees. We here, unfortunately have lost our key to the outside world for a period of time, otherwise we would be more than willing to visit your chapter.

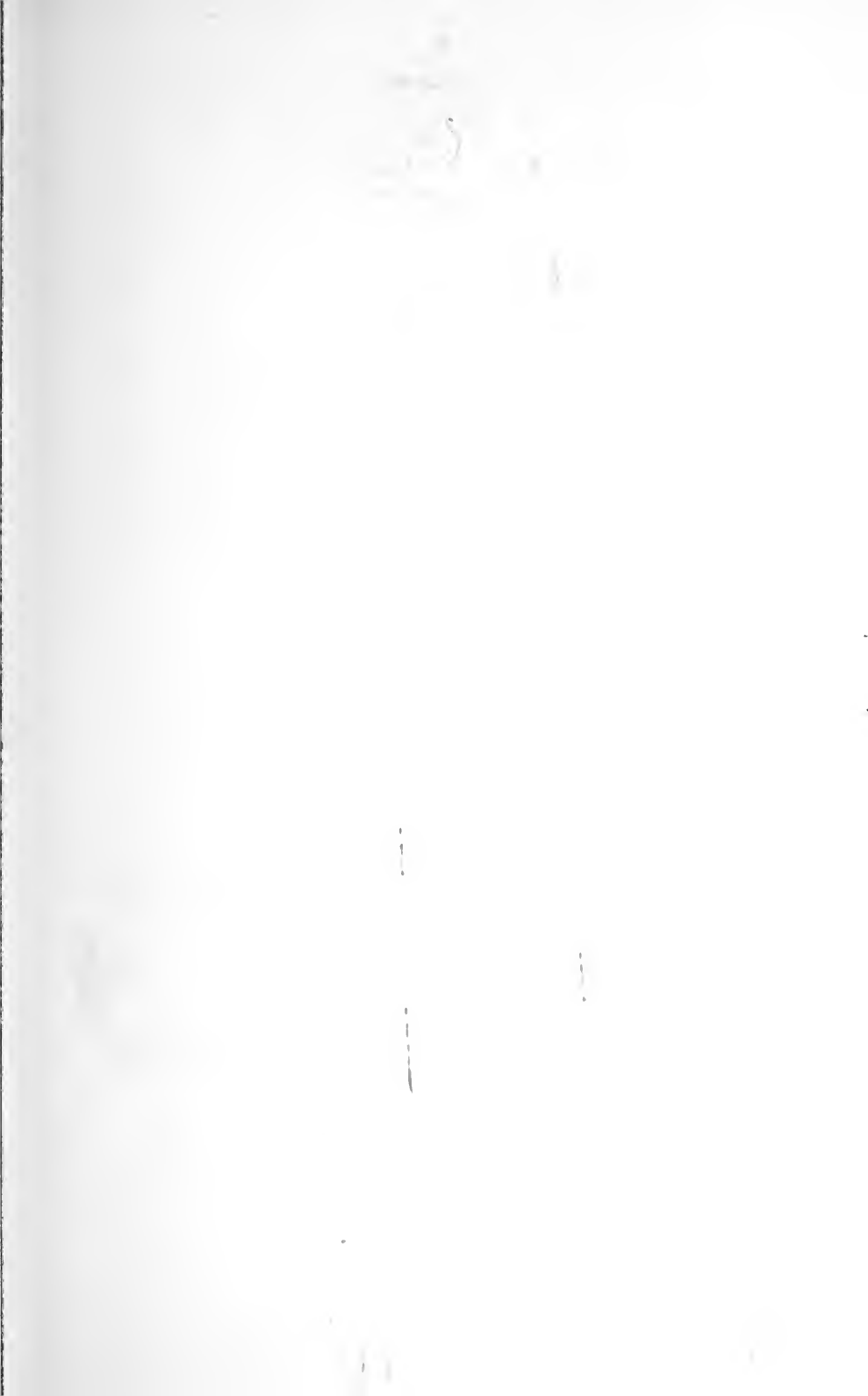
Our meeting nights are every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

Harold J. Rusk, Chmn.

SPEAK-UP

The Speak-Up part of our meeting is not going as well as it should. I think most of the blame is mine. For one thing, we don't have enough participation, but I hope we will have more from some of our new members. At one of our last programs, we taped everyones speech and then played it back to them. Most of the men enjoyed this, and showed surprise at the way their voices really sounded like. We have been using mostly table topics, but we plan to expand to longer prepared speeches. If any new members are interested in this program please contact me.

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